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## Trustees approve dining hall site

Board members vote to build new cafeteria on west campus

AMANDA AUSTIN  
STAFF WRITER  
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Trustees accomplished several important items of business recently, a highlight being the approval of a site for a new multi-million dollar dining hall.

The board approved several changes for Dining Services as the university seeks to improve dining services on campus. The Trustees approved the complete renovation of the Galley, Jones Basement will be the site of the new Galley after it undergoes complete renovation and expansion.

The new Galley will seat approximately 250 and will

include a coffee house, lounge space, an open food court and an entertainment area.

The ECU Board of Trustees has officially voted on and approved the site for the new dining hall.

The first order of business at the meeting of the ECU Board of Trustees was the induction of the new members and new officers to the board.

New members are: Dan V. Kinlaw of Fayetteville; Henry G. Williamson of Winston-Salem; and Wilke Martin of Wilmington, Del.

New officers include former vice-chairman Gene Ravfield, of Chapel Hill, who was named chairman; former secretary Phillip Doon of Greenville, was named vice-chairman and Charles Franklin of Elizabeth City took over the role of secretary.

"Let me extend my congratulations to the new officers for their support and commitment to East Carolina," said Dr. Richard Eakin, Chancellor of ECU.

The Board of Trustees has a total of 12 members. An update was given on the Roy T. Walker International Human Performance, as it has completed its second successful session on July 19.

"Twenty-three athletes and nine coaches, trainers, physicians and administrators from 10 nations, their comments were favorable and without exception they think their experience here will be beneficial to their athletes and their nation," said Eakin.

Undergraduate and graduate studies gave a brief summary of how academic affairs and enrollment stand today. Enrollment for both departments is projected to be up for the upcoming school year. This increase includes 200 more undergraduate students and 116 more graduate stu-



The Board of Trustees met on Friday accomplishing several important items of business including approving a new dining hall site.

PHOTO BY AMANDA AUSTIN

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

• Board of Trustees induct new members and new officers.

• Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium renovation contractors awaiting final shift to complete stadium in time for Sept. 13 race-off with Wake Forest.

• International athletes training in Roy T. Walker International Human Performance Center find ECU a positive training facility.

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## ECU alumnus publishes first novel

Whisper from past TEC employee

JACQUELINE D. KELLUM  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Roy Martin, a 1961 graduate of East Carolina University and a former staff member of both *The East Carolinian* and *The Rebel*, is about to publish a book, entitled *Whisper My Name*.

Martin's life since graduating from ECU has taken him to a variety of places and through a variety of careers, the most recent of which is writing.

Martin, a Greenville native, attended ECU from 1957 to 1961 as an undergraduate, then returned in 1965 to work on a graduate degree, which he finished in 1967. He says in looking back, his experiences with the publications made a significant difference.

"I put me in touch with some of the things I wanted to do, and put me in touch with people in

the field," Martin said.

Martin held a variety of positions at *The East Carolinian*.

"I worked at *The East Carolinian* for probably three years and worked first as assistant sports editor, then news editor and then the associate editor," Martin said.

In his senior year of undergraduate study, he was asked to work on *The Rebel*, and held the position of *Rebel* editor for that year. Martin said he was impressed with the technology of today, which enables *The Rebel's* current staff to

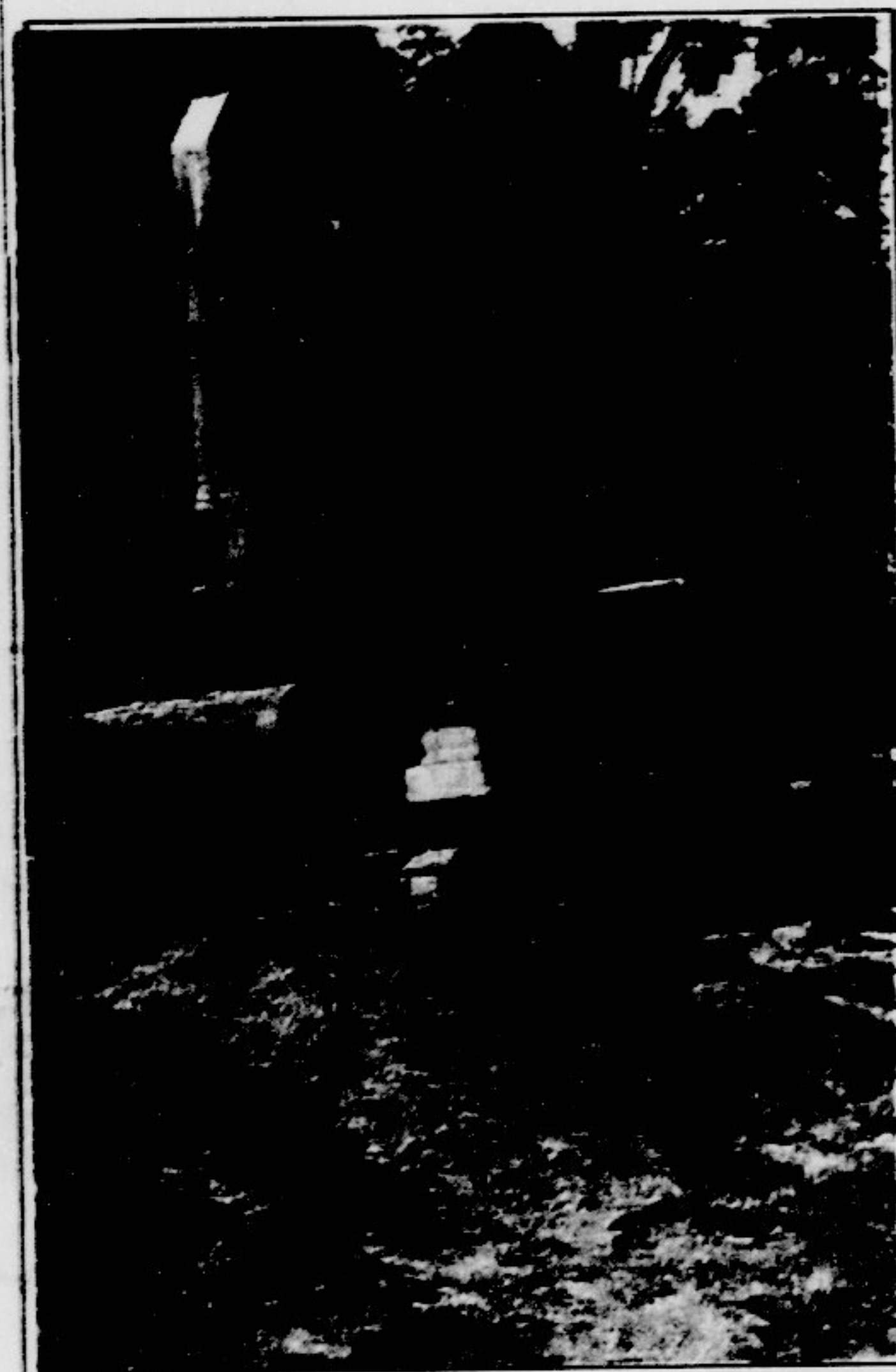
accomplish much more than he and his colleagues. "As I look back on those old magazines, I think we did a good job with the printing technology we had," Martin said.

After finishing his undergraduate degree in social studies in 1961, Martin entered the military and spent

three years as part of a security agency in Panama. After finishing his graduate degree in English in 1967, he worked on several newspapers, including the *Raleigh Times*, *Crawdora Record*, *The Daily Reflector* in Greenville and the

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### VROOM, VROOM!!



Workers and machines have been hard at work to create a new drive behind the renovation site of Joyner Library this week.

PHOTO BY AMANDA AUSTIN

## Broad begins tenure as UNC-system president

DAWN ERNSTEIN

Molly Broad will be at ECU Monday, August 18, to speak at the faculty senate convocation. Students are welcome to attend. For more info, call 328-6537.

Molly Corbett Broad, former executive vice chancellor and chief operating officer of California State University, became president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina system last Friday. Broad, 56, succeeds C.D. Spangler, 65, who retired this summer after 11 years as president.

Broad said she had a number of things on her agenda to tackle right away as president. They include implementing a budget, and formulating overall plans and strategies with chancellors and with the Board of Governors to outline the agenda.

"Budgets can be much more effectively managed with accountability on one hand and managerial flexibility on the other," Broad said.

Broad hopes to secure an increase of managerial flexibility on UNC campuses. This would give individual schools the freedom to utilize sources if the chancellor is provided with flexibility to use those sources.

"The biggest problem with budgets is that they come with a lot of restrictions on how the sources can be used," Broad said.

The single most important strategy for maintaining low tuition, in Broad's opinion, is to enhance access to higher education. She hopes to generate additional sources for revenue available to the universities to serve the projected growth of the system, which is

expecting a large potential growth of students. Broad will seek to diversify revenue sources through fund raisers, federal government and legislation.

Broad stated that in order for North Carolina to be competitive with the economy, the University must play an important role.

"The University is the economic engine for North Carolina," Broad said.

Broad does have long term plans for the system as well.

"I did not come into North Carolina with a plan developed somewhere else to be implemented here," Broad said.

She insisted that the changes would come from within the state through business, the public, the legislature and the individual universities.

Broad stated that the reputation of the UNC system played a part in her decision to come here.

"The University of North Carolina has a marvelous reputation for quality, passion, and commitment of citizens to the University," Broad said.

It appears that some in the state have a mutually high opinion of Broad.

"We have entrusted to you the greatest treasure of North Carolina," said Senator Leslie Minner in a note to Broad.

"It is a great honor to be here," Broad said.



UNC-system president Molly Broad

## Officials warn North Carolinians to prepare for hurricane season again

Season runs from June 1 to November 30

A BRANDON MISE  
STAFF WRITER

Officials say it is hurricane season again and hope North Carolinians learned the importance of preparation from last year's harsh blows to the coast.

Hurricane season officially runs from June 1 to November 30, and last year there were a total of 13 tropical storms, nine of which became hurricanes, according to the National Weather Service.

A hurricane starts as a storm system that

forms over tropic waters off the Atlantic, and once the storm starts to form, it gets classified as a tropical depression. If the winds in a tropical depression grow in intensity to 40 mph, it is re-classified as a tropical storm and it receives a name. Once the winds in the storm reach speeds of 75 mph, the storm is upgraded to a hurricane. Hurricanes are usually compact storms with maximum wind velocities extending 5 to 60 miles from the eye.

Gale-force winds can be felt from as far as 300 miles outside the eye, which is why everyone in eastern North Carolina should be concerned if a hurricane is headed for the N.C. coast. While storms develop both early and late in the season, late summer to early fall tends to be the time when hurricanes most commonly do serious damage to the coast.

According to the National Weather Service,

the following primary steps of preparation should be taken care of if a hurricane seems likely: check flashlights and their batteries; check battery-operated radios and televisions; make sure large antennas, satellite dishes and other outdoor objects such as lawn furniture are tied down or put away; double-check evacuation routes; review the status of your flood, home and automobile insurance policies.

As the chances of an oncoming hurricane increase, more preparation and precautions should be taken. One should check the windows and shutters on the house, making any repairs necessary. Make arrangements for pets in the event you have to evacuate. Fill the gas tank in the car as early as possible, as service station lines tend to get long after a hurricane warning, and be sure to have plenty of cash on hand.

"Students should be prepared to leave campus and go to their homes if they are farther inland," said Bobbs Joyner, Pitt County's emergency management coordinator.

It would be wise to stock up on the following before lines in the grocery store get long and supplies become diminished: fresh batteries; bottled water; canned foods (plan enough meals for the next three days in the event you lose power); infant care items such as diapers and formula; a first aid kit; candles; matches; and games or activities such as cards or board games to occupy the time. If you don't have one already, you should get a small AM Radio as large radios tend to drain batteries quickly.

Most hurricanes move at a rate of 10-15 miles per hour, so there should be ample warn-

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Hurricane Fran caused damage to campus and the surrounding area, including 5th St. shown here. File photo.

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### PIRATES on the street

What do you think the president of the UNC System does?



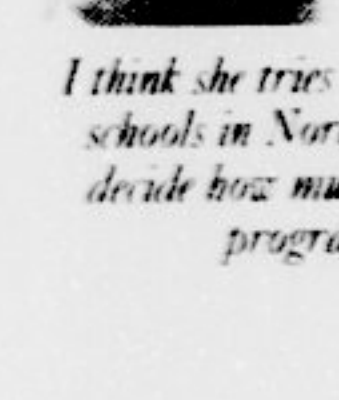
Oversees the funding of all schools, where the money is needed most and who it will benefit the most.

Brian Stokes  
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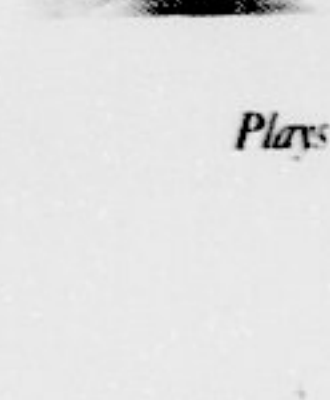
I think that the president tries to get tuition down as low as possible, and approves funding for building projects for the schools.

Matt Davis  
Purchasing  
Junior



I think she tries to accommodate the needs of all the schools in North Carolina. For example she may decide how much money one school may get for a program or some type of project.

Dana Brooks  
Sophomore



Plays golf and cavorts a lot.

Jay Cadrette  
General Education  
Graduate Student

# CAMPUS BITTERS

## Graduate student receives scholarship

Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society in Business recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships for use during the 1997-98 academic year to sixty outstanding Beta Gamma Sigma members from as many chapters throughout the U.S. David A. Giles of East Carolina University was named as the 1997-98 recipient from his chapter.



Giles is a graduate student majoring in accounting at East Carolina University. Selected by his peers for his academic achievements, leadership and outstanding service, he is currently a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma chapter.

## Don't drink and drive after drinking

Wednesday night at the University of North Carolina, a group of 11 students were charged with 11 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Don't drink and drive after drinking. Several ECU students are reported to have been arrested for help in recovering his car, which he said had been stolen. He asked for a ride and also for money. In at least two of the cases, the witness allegedly directed the victims to known drug areas, where he used the money given him to purchase cocaine, which he used in front of the victims.

## ECU receives American Cancer Society grant

East Carolina University has received a three-year, \$187,500 Institutional Research Grant from the American Cancer Society to assist in encouraging young faculty and students to pursue careers in cancer research. The Society has announced.

The grant targets ECU junior faculty health sciences students and medical professionals who have interest in research and would benefit from mentoring by senior faculty before pursuing further grants.

## Student charged with assault and damage to property

ECU student Thomas Nathaniel Dean, 23, was arrested Saturday morning for assaulting a 49-year-old man who parked in front of his home to attend a yard sale. According to the victim, Dean was intoxicated and yelled at the victim for blocking the driveway with his car.

Dean allegedly assaulted the victim and also caused an estimated \$300 damage to the victim's car with a tree limb. Dean was charged with simple assault and damage to personal property.

# NEWS BITTERS

**SANFORD, N.C. (AP)** - Federal immigration officials overreacted when they detained 17 Mexicans in trying to prove a connection between the incident and a smuggling operation in New York City, friends of those detained said.

The 17 men, most of whom are Spanish and hearing-impaired, lived in two adjoining houses and shared rent and expenses.

Federal agents on Friday raided the two houses in Sanford after receiving a tip that the 14 adults and three children were forced to make bread, key chains and other trinkets and sell them. The Mexicans were taken to an Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Chicago.

Earlier in the week, authorities found 57 deaf Mexicans living in two cramped apartments in New York. In that case, eight people have been charged with running a smuggling ring and keeping the Mexicans against their will. Two undocumented deaf immigrants from Mexico were arrested in Chicago over the weekend on similar charges. The Chicago defendants are linked to a similar operation in New York, INS officials said.

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)** - Lady Pendergrass doesn't spend much time in the Coker Arboretum at the University of North Carolina these days, but it's not hard for her to remember the days he spent 32 years ago crawling, digging and squinting.

As a young Chapel Hill police officer, Pendergrass investigated the July 30, 1965, murder of a university student.

"I can close my eyes and visualize everything down there," said Pendergrass, the Orange County sheriff. "I often think about that case, every time I go down Raleigh Street."

On Wednesday, 32 years will have passed since an unidentified man stabbed Sufletta Evans to death in one of the most peaceful spots on campus.

Chapel Hill police launched their most intensive review of the case in recent memory this year.

Evans, who was 21 and a rising junior who had just enrolled at UNC-CH that summer, took the garden path through the arboretum as the shortest way back to her room in Cobb Dormitory. She had planned for a weekend trip home to Mooreville, and was in a hurry to pack and get her hair done.

**MIAMI (AP)** - The medical examiner's office released the body of Andrew Cunanan, and a funeral home on Sunday prepared the remains for shipment to his family in California.

The body was released Saturday to one funeral home but was later transferred to another because of media scrutiny, said Therman Wilkes, who is responsible for the shipment of Cunanan's remains.

"We wanted to do this as quietly as possible," Wilkes said.

The remains will be flown to Glenn Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, Calif. Neither Wilkes nor Glenn Abbey would comment on whether there will be a cremation or burial.

Authorities suspect Cunanan in a cross-country killing spree that left five men dead - including fashion designer Gianni Versace - in four states and prompted an intensive manhunt.

Cunanan killed himself on Wednesday with the same .40 caliber gun he allegedly used to kill three of his victims, including Versace.

Authorities continued to examine Cunanan's activity prior to his suicide and whether any one was aiding him.

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - U.N. relief workers have concluded that a devastating drought means famine-threatened North Korea can expect little from this year's harvest, North Korea's state news agency said Monday.

North Korea's Korean Central News Agency quoted U.N. adviser Christian Roberto as saying any rains would come too late for this year's crops.

On Saturday, representatives from the United Nations and relief agencies toured Hwangju and Pongsan counties, 31 miles south of North Korea's capital, Pyongyang.

"They, accompanied by management officials of cooperative farms, went round maize fields and admitted that drought damage was serious," the agency reported.

## Trustees

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"The television exposure we have had has in some way benefited our program," said Steve Logan, head football coach.

Administrators hope to be able to remove the chemistry department from the Pfanstuhl Building as soon as possible and to expand and improve on all the science departments.

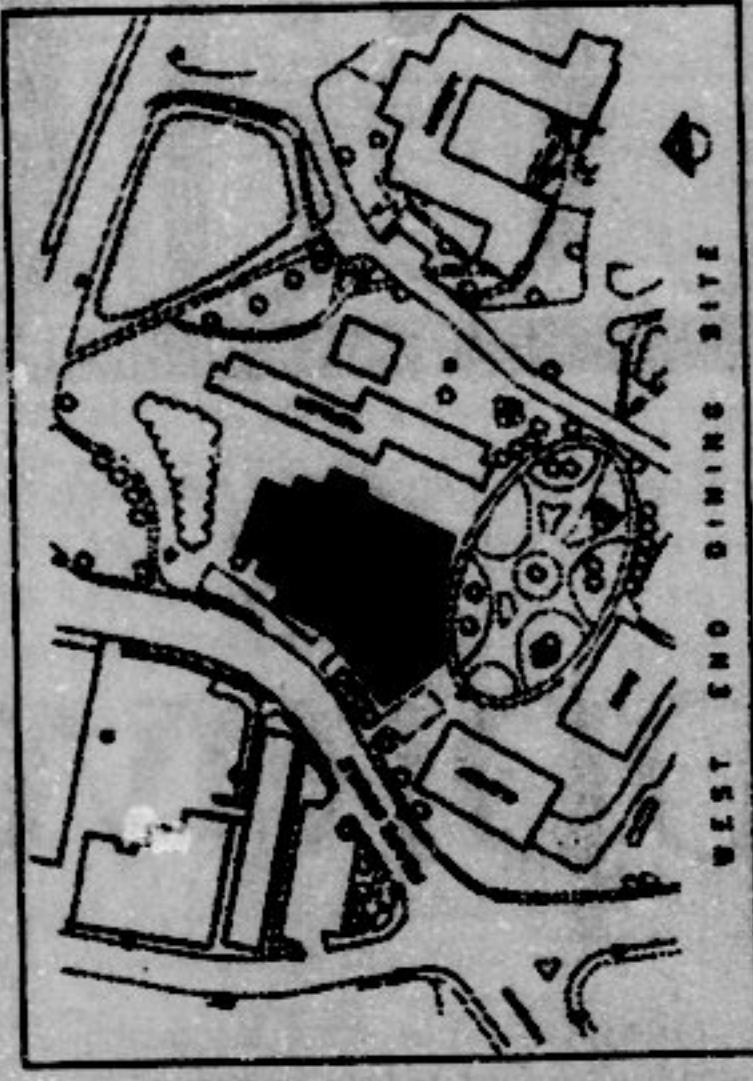
Planning is taking place to decide on a location to build a new building to house the chemistry department.

Trustees briefly discussed whether or not additions to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium will be completed by the Sept. 13 game against Wake Forest. Contractors working on the stadium will have to work a third shift to complete the upper deck. As a precaution, the University has stopped selling tickets for the new seats. If the worst happens, the overflow of students will be temporarily seated in the end zones.

"We will continue to hope and to pray that the stadium renovation will be completed by Sept. 14 although the contractor has experienced delays," said Eakin.

According to the Daily Reflector, the Board of Trustees met in closed session on July 24 to discuss whether ECU will continue to be involved in the N.C. Alignment Group, a group of four of the state's largest medical centers. Medical centers included are Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the ECU School of Medicine, Bowman Gray/Durham Hospital Medical Center, Carolina HealthCare System and the University of North Carolina Health Care Systems.

The group was formed to share information in order to become more efficient in care.



This map shows ECU's west campus, the recently approved site for a new multi-million dollar dining hall.

Voting did not take place in discussions on Friday.

The dining hall will be built on west campus between Clement and Fletcher Residence Halls, where the amphitheater now sits, and will face Reside Circle.

Overcrowding at Mendenhall Dining Hall will soon come to an end. Expected seating capacity for the new facility will be 600, compared to 370 at Mendenhall.

"Mendenhall is operating at twice the volume it was designed for," said Al Matthews, vice chancellor for student life.

The dining hall is expected to cost approximately \$7.4 million and will be funded by dining bond issues.

Discussions focused primarily on how the dining hall will affect the relationship between the university and the downtown business area.

"We have strived to be good neighbors. I think there should be a willingness for some give and take," said Eakin.

## Book

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**Whisper My Name** - Following his years in the newspaper business, he became news director at an NBC station in Roanoke, Va.

He then decided it was time for something different. Eakin decided to switch to teaching journalism. He had wanted to do for a long time.

"I've been teaching at a high school for 13 years. I teach English as a second language. I'm the director of the program for Mountain City Schools," Martin said.

An added fringe benefit regarding, he said, was that it gave him more time to write. He started writing short stories about 18 years ago and wrote two previous novels which he never tried to publish, before

writing *Whisper My Name*.

The story is developed from experience - it's really a sitting down of experiences over the years. It's set in North Carolina, and it's really a story about a 19-year-old relationship between these people and they're all very different," Martin said.

Martin was in Greenville on Friday for a book signing at Barnes and Noble. His book is being published by Thomas Publishers in Chapel Hill and is now available.

Martin said he encouraged any current students interested in writing or journalism to get involved with campus organizations at ECU, citing his own experience as proof that the investments can be worthwhile.

"My undergraduate days were very happy. I had my first experience at *The East Carolinian* and *The Red* were responsible for that. The training I received in student publications was invaluable," Martin said.

## Hurricanes

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ing for an oncoming storm. However, some storms have been known to move at speeds almost double this rate.

According to the National Weather Service, once a hurricane watch is declared for an area, the storm will make landfall within the specified region within 36 hours of the start of the watch.

The hurricane watch covers a broad region, and this area should expect at least gale-force winds (30+ mph), high surf, and heavy rain, and even tornadoes. By this time, more serious precautions should be made as such winds often stay at hurricane strength even hundreds of miles inland.

According to the National Weather Service, hurricane Hugo (1989) battered Charlotte, North Carolina (which is about 175 miles inland) with gusts near 100 mph, downing trees and power lines, and causing massive disruption. And, of course, last year hurricane Fran did damage to the areas surrounding Greenville and Raleigh before it made its way up through Virginia.

Once a hurricane watch has been declared for your region, there's a good chance you'll feel the brunt of the storm, according to the National Weather Service. If you live in a low-lying area, you should evacuate immediately.

The storm is less than 24 hours away, and you've got less still to do.

Board up windows around the house, or tape them up with lots of masking tape, and turn off your gas lines. Check on the safety of elderly relatives if they live close by. Be sure to turn your fridge all the way up in order to keep your food fresh for as long as possible. Keep the television and/or radio on regularly for weather and evacuation updates. Write down the names and locations of evacuation shelters close to your home.

It is recommended that you do not stay alone during hurricanes - and evacuation updates. Write down the names and locations of evacuation shelters close to your home.

There are times when conditions change, however, and you may need to leave the house during the storm. Falling trees may be threatening the house, serious flooding may be imminent, or you need to get medical attention for you or a family member.

If it is absolutely necessary that you drive, drive slowly as it makes it easier to watch for debris and obstructions, and high winds and slick conditions can easily throw you off the road.

Keep your trips short if at all possible. Head to the closest evacuation shelter, police station or hospital. If you need to get someone further along, there will be people at those locations to help you.

North Korea already suffers from chronic food shortages aggravated by severe flooding in 1995 and 1996. North Korea said Saturday it now is battling a widespread drought that has laid waste to 716,300 acres of farmland and 704,300 tons of grain.

The reclusive communist state, which preaches self-reliance as a guiding philosophy, is already dependent on outside food aid. U.N. agencies estimate the country needs 800,000 tons of emergency food assistance before October to avert famine.

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**It's Showtime**

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Venus Salt and Local H at the Ritz in Raleigh. The Counting Crows and The Wallflowers at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater.

**4 Monday**

Del Amiri and Jack-O-Pierce at the Car's Cradle in Carboro.

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**Air Force One**

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Ford is Oldman, who is every bit the ultimate icon of the bad guy as Ford is the good guy. A scene in which Oldman tells Marshall's daughter that her father is a murderer, even if he kills with authority from behind a Presidential desk, effectively allows Oldman to make Ivan less a monster and more a victim of war. It's an excellent shade-of-gray area that could have been further explored but fades away once the bullets start flying.

Without a doubt, *Air Force One* owes a great debt to its two leads. Ford and Oldman, both highly underrated actors, give the film its main thrusting force and raise the respectability of the entire production.

Other stand-out items include: the political war in the White House between Close and Dean Stockwell, who insists that he has the constitutional right to make all the calls when the President and his family are in peril; William H. Macy's small but eye-catching performance as a Presidential aide who joins his boss in the hatter; and Michael Ballhaus' exquisite use of lighting and camera angles (the scene where Marshall addresses the Russian government simply looks gorgeous).

*Air Force One* is not a great film, but it succeeds where it needs to and, as a result, should be a huge hit in the States and abroad. This is a positive thing. Since Hollywood is so desperately trying to find the next big action star (lately we've witnessed every hot, young actor from Nicolas Cage to Jason Patric pick up a gun and take off his shirt), it's refreshing to know that a 55-year-old pro like Ford can still roll with the best of them.

He may be getting older, but you can still count on him to win in the end.

**CD's**

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make you take to the streets or at least sit in your room and plot destruction.

-The Makers, *Hungry*: The Makers are by no means innovators. They take their look and sound from '60s garage rock and British mods. But songs like "Small Town Depression" and "Leopard Print Sissy" prove these guys are tight as a tick and rock better than most in this genre of music.

-Push Kings, self-titled: These guys are a guilty pleasure. The songs here are unbelievably poppy and catchy; they are what good pop should be, equal parts sincerity and bubble gum. I challenge you to listen to "Stay With Her" or "D.J." and not sing along. These guys should be at the top of the charts.

-Bad Livers, *Hogs on the Highway*: The Bad Livers are almost as good at song titles ("Corn Liqueur Made a Fool Out of Me," "Falling Down the Stairs With a Pistol in my Hand") as they are musicians. They combine bluegrass, punk, polka and especially rock-n-roll to produce an incredibly fun record. The title track is one of the best songs of the year.

-5 Chinese Brothers, *Let's Kill Saturday Night*: New York country-poppers Five Chinese Brothers aren't your typical country band. How many country bands write songs about Cezanne? The title track, penned by Robbie Fulks, and "Three Cool Guys," which pays homage to Jackie Chan, along with Popeye and Buster Keaton, are standouts. The hilarious "Product of Dysfunction" contains the best line of the year: "My girlfriend is like a wading pool, she's shallow and full of piss/I should have left a long time ago but she sure knows how to kiss."

**Beer**

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sampled, the Saranac Summer Wheat was the most vile and undrinkable beer of them all. Saranac should be ashamed to bottle such a concoction. If I got this beer for free I still wouldn't drink it. Yes, it was just that bad.

There were some winners and there were some losers among the nine beers that I sampled. Though the Michelob Amber Bock tasted the best and was fairly inexpensive, the Miller High Life has to be my overall primo choice. It's cheap at \$2.99 for a six pack of bottles. It's drinkable - even tasty. It does not have any special flavors or a fancy bottle or label; it's just a good plain beer.

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**Golf**

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many tournaments because of military obligations, Byron Nelson - whom Hogan had known since they were 9 - was winning 18 tournaments and 11 in a row.

A national news magazine ran a cover story on Nelson with the headline: "Mr. Golf."

When they met head-to-head for the first time after the article appeared it was at the Portland Invitational and Hogan played 72 holes in 27 under par, a mark no one has yet to surpass, winning by 14 strokes.

As Nelson stuck out his hand to congratulate Hogan, the little man in the white hat said: "That should take care of this 'Mr. Golf' stu.!"

And then there is the dream Hogan told about in which he saw himself making 17 consecutive holes-in-one only to trudge off the course in anger after the 18th spun out of the cup.

Even in a dream, Hogan was telling us, perfection on the golf course was not possible. But he came as close as anyone.

"What has given him his edge over the field?" sports writer Grantland Rice wrote. "I've seen Hogan finish a hard morning round, grab a sandwich, and then go out for an hour's practice before starting the afternoon round."

Another part of the Hogan mystique was the notion that he understood some mystery about the game that no one else had yet to learn.

Deane Beman, the former PGA Tour commissioner, first met Hogan in 1953 and had many conversations with him. One came in the 1980s when they talked about creating the

Hogan Tour - what is now the Nike Tour.

Eventually they discussed equipment - shafts, balls, different material being used.

"Finally, Hogan said, 'If I was playing today I'd play the surlyn-covered ball and not the balata,'" Beman said. The balata was the most popular ball with pros and Beman asked why Hogan would play the surlyn cover.

"There was a long silence and then he said, 'Because it's better,'" Beman said. Again, he asked why.

"Another lengthy silence while he stared at me," Beman said. "And then he answered: 'I'm not telling.'"

The memory made Beman laugh uncontrollably.

"If Ben Hogan had a secret," Beman said. "He took it with him."

Goodbye, Mr. Hogan. Dad was right. It's a great game and you were the best.

**Qualifications begin today in NASCAR's richest event**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The tradition of the Brickyard is a powerful lure. The money isn't too bad, either.

After just three races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Brickyard 400 has become NASCAR's richest event and one of the most prestigious stops on the Winston Cup series.

Practice for Saturday's race begins Thursday and Friday.

"Obviously there's great history and great tradition at Indy, but it's also an incredible amount of money," defending Brickyard champion Dale Jarrett said. "It's the most money of any race that we run, and that's great motivation. We'd really like to win it again."

\$4.85 million set last year, the richest payoff in NASCAR history.

Jarrett led only 11 of the 160 laps last year but passed Ernie Ivan on the 154th lap and won under the yellow light after Robert Pressley crashed with two laps to go. It was the fourth victory of the season for Jarrett, and he returns to the Brickyard with three wins so far this season.

He is in fourth place in the Winston Cup standings, behind Gordon, Mark Martin and Terry Labonte.

Gordon, who grew up in nearby Pittsboro, Ind., has started from the pole each of the past two years. He led the first three laps last year but crashed on the 24th lap and was 74 laps behind the leader by the time he finally returned to the race. He managed only another 17 laps and finished 37th among the 40 starters. Martin started next to Gordon on

the front row last year and led 19 laps early in the race. He finished fourth, behind Jarrett, Ivan and Labonte.

"We were very consistent in the last half of the season in '96, and I think our finish in the Brickyard 400 went a long way toward helping us win the championship," said Labonte, the defending Winston Cup series champion. "One of our goals for the season was to finish in the top 10 at the Brickyard. We were able to do that for the first time, but we were really sweating it."

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